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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM THE CROWN PRINCE AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BAHRAIN DEFENCE FORCE SHAIKH SALMAN BIN HAMAD AL-KHALIFA, TO MR. GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On June 7, 2004, post received from the office of the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the following condolence letter regarding the death of former President Ronald Reagan.

Begin text of the letter:

7th June 2004

His Excellency
The Hon. George W. Bush
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush,

Please accept my sincere condolences following the death of former President Ronald Reagan. The United States and the world have lost a great statesman, who was instrumental in bringing an end to the Cold War, and who brought hope and freedom to millions around the globe.

President Reagan will be remembered as one of the greats, and I send you and the people of the United States my deepest sympathies upon his passing.

Salman Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa
Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief
of the Bahrain Defence Force

End text of letter.

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